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Docket No. : 1/1179

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This Reply is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2004. Submitted herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time for three (3) months up to and including July 5, 2004, together with the necessary fee.

The Examiner alleged that the claims of the instant application include seventeen independent and distinct inventions.

In response to this restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecute in this application the subject matter of Group XI, claims 23 and 24, drawn to a method for diagnosing or monitoring a chronic inflammatory airway disease.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute in one or more divisional applications whatever subject matter is not examined or allowed here.

Applicants respectfully submit that all the pending claims are allowable and therefore solicit a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone interview would be helpful in advancing prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney below.

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